

July 28, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I'm contacting you today regarding a company called LightSquared. LightSquared is building a new super-fast 4G wireless network. I'm sure you are aware that other wireless carriers are doing the same, but LightSquared is different because its business model will provide access to lower-income, rather than just affluent, communities. As a former state legislator who represented many low income individuals, I cannot express how important this development could be. After all, a recent Federal Communications Commission report indicated that about 763,000 people in Arizona don't have high-speed Internet access. That's 50 percent higher than the national average.

How, you ask, can LightSquared do this when many other carriers have not? The answer is in LightSquared's wholesale business model. This model will allow businesses without their own wireless network, such as retailers and Internet service providers, or who have limited geographic coverage or spectrum, such as carriers that specialize in non-contract plans that appeal to lower-income families, to develop and sell their own devices, applications, and services using LightSquared's open 4G network—at a competitive cost and without retail competition from LightSquared.

Unfortunately, LightSquared has run into some interference issues with GPS. I understand that LightSquared has committed to changing its network launch plans to address 99% of these issues. Therefore, I'm contacting you to ask that you support the Federal Communications Commission as it works with LightSquared on this issue so that lower-income individuals may begin benefiting from this important technological advancement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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